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1. AS FOLLOW UP TO THEIR CONVERSATION ON FEBRUARY 26,
AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI MET WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRE-
TARY ARMITAGE ON FEBRUARY 28. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY
OF THEIR EXCHANGE: AMBASSADOR TRAMHCZYNSKI RECALLED THAT
ON JANUARY 6, POLISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND MARITIME
ECONOMY ASKED THAT BILATERAL FISHING TALKS BEGIN IN MARCH
OR MAY 1975. THE MFTME IS VERY INTERESTED IN HAVING THESE
TALKS AND NOTES THAT THE LOS CONFERENCE BEGINS ON
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MARCH 17. A POLISH DELEGATION WOULD BE READY TO COME TO

WASHINGTON FOR TALKS BEGINNING MARCH 10. ARMITAGE REPLIED THAT WE ARE READY TO RESPOND TO THE POLISH INTEREST IN BILATERAL FISHING TALKS BUT QUESTIONED WHETHER WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND BY THE POLES THAT THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER ROTATION OF FISHING VESSEL CREWS AT US PORTS UNTIL SUCH TIMES AS THIS MATTER HAS BEEN SETTLED THROUGH BILATERAL NEGOTIATION. AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI REPLIED THAT IT IS TRUE THAT THE POLISH GOVERNMENT HAS

GIVEN THE UNITED STATES SUCH ASSURANCES. TRAMPCZYNSKI SAID THERE ARE THREE TIMING POSSIBILITIES FOR THE TALKS INCLUDING PRIOR TO THE LOS WHICH HIS GOVERNMENT FAVORS, DURING THE LOS OR SUBSEQUENT TO IT. IN ANY CASE THE POLISH GOVERNMENT DESIRES SUCH TALKS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ARMITAGE REPLIED THAT HE WOULD INFORM AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ABOUT OUR IDEAS ON TIMING FOR THE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS (END SUMMARY).

2. PLEASE INFORM POLES USG WAS UNABLE TO MEET IN FEBRUARY AS PROPOSED BY POLES (REF B) DUE TO PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED DISCUSSIONS WHICH TOOK UP ENTIRE MONTH. WE SUGGEST MEETING BE CONVENED POSSIBLY LAST TWO WEEKS OF MAY AFTER CONCLUSION OF LOS TALKS IN GENEVA. WE HAVE FULL SCHEDULE IN NEXT TWO WEEKS AND DESIRE LEAVE ONE WEEK AFTER LOS FOR NECESSARY COORDINATION BETWEEN THOSE RETURNING FROM GENEVA AND THOSE MINDING STORE.

3. IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR THAT COMMITMENT TO MEET SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AGREEMENT ON US SIDE TO INCLUDE FOR DISCUSSION ALL ITEMS SUGGESTED BY POLISH SIDE. IN PARTICULAR, POLES SHOULD BE REMINDED THAT USG HAS EARLIER EXPRESSED VIEW THAT WE OPPOSED CONCLUDING ANY ARRANGEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THEIR FISHING OPERATIONS IN NORTH PACIFIC. HOWEVER, WE ARE WILLING TO DISCUSS MATTER DURING PROJECTED NEGOTIATIONS, ALTHOUGH WE UNABLE GIVE COMMITMENT THAT AGREEMENT WILL BE POSSIBLE. THIS SUBJECT REMAINS A TOUCHY ONE WITH WEST COAST FISHING INDUSTRY. YOU MAY NOTE WE ARE WILLING TO DISCUSS CREW ROTATION.

4. ANNUAL MEETING OF NORTHEAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES
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COMMISSION IS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 21-27 IN LONDON AND MAY PRESENT PROBLEMS TO POLES DUE TO CONFLICT WITH DATES WE HAVE SUGGESTED FOR CONVENING BILATERAL TALKS. IF THIS TIME NOT ACCEPTABLE IT APPEARS WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MEET AT EARLIEST UNTIL SOMETIME IN JULY DUE TO ICNAF ANNUAL MEETING AND OTHER COMMITMENTS IN JUNE.

5. WE WOULD EXPECT TO RECEIVE FROM POLES SPECIFIC

PROPOSALS ON BOTH ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC SHORTLY AFTER
DATES AGREED. DUE TO INVOLVEMENT SOME OF OUR FISHERIES
PEOPLE IN LOS AND OTHER COMMITMENTS, REVIEW OF SUCH PRO-
POSALS WILL TAKE MUCH LONGER TIME THAN USUAL. WE WOULD
EXPECT PROPOSALS MUCH MORE SPECIFIC THAN LIST TOPICS
ANDERS HAS PROVIDED.

6. ANY TRAFFIC THIS SUBJECT FROM MARCH 10 TO MAY 10
SHOULD BE REPEATED GENEVA FOR CLINGAN AND SULLIVAN LOS DEL.
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